THE HON'BLE Ms. JUSTICE G. ROHINI

WRIT PETITION NO.15796 OF 1999

DATED: 20-06-2007

Between :

Pamangundla Anjaiahi .. Petitioner

And

1. State of Andhra Pradesh, rep. By its Secretary,
   Revenue Department, Secretariat, Hyderabad.,
   And 3 others.

.. Respondents

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ORDER :

This writ petition is filed seeking a declaration that the order passed by the 4th respondent dated 14-11-1992 cancelling the assignment in favour of the petitioner as confirmed by the respondents 1 to 3 as arbitrary and illegal.

Though the petitioner raised various contentions assailing the impugned orders, at the outset it is to be noted that the order passed by the 1st respondent - Revisional authority, is not supported by any reasons.

The specific case of the petitioner is that the 1st respondent had failed to consider any of the submissions made by their counsel, particularly the decision in V. RAJAMMA v. A. RAMI REDDY & ORS.[1] to the effect that the cancellation of assignment in exercise of the revisional powers after a long lapse of time is impermissible.

The law is well-settled that absence of reasons is one of the grounds for judicial review since the failure of the quasi-judicial authority to assign reasons would result in violation of the principles of natural justice. Since the impugned order, on the face of it is devoid of any reasons, without going into merits of the case, I am of the opinion that the order of the 1st respondent is liable to be set aside on that ground alone.

Accordingly, the order of the 1st respondent dated 28-5-1999 is set aside and the Writ Petition is disposed of with a direction that the

Revision Petition shall be heard and disposed of afresh following due process of law. Till such orders are passed, the order passed by the 4th respondent as confirmed by the respondents 2 and 3 shall not be given effect to. No costs.

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G. ROHINI, J.

Dt. 20-06-2007

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[1] 1997 (5) ALD 598